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Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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### Lunch Break - North

Dec 15 Adriatic Grill  
Dec 22 BJ's at Willowbrook  
Dec 29 Gianna's  
Jan 05 Spring Creek BBQ on 2920  
Jan 12 Mi Rancho  
Jan 19 Cheddar's 21001 IH-45, Spring  
Jan 26 Jason's Deli at Champions

### Saturday Breakfast:

Saturdays at 7 am  
Broken Yolk Café, 16803 Stuebner  
Airline Road, Spring, TX 77379

### Lunch Break - Medical Center

Dec 15 Cleburne Cafeteria  
Dec 22 Southwell's Hamburger Grill  
Dec 29 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet  
Jan 05 Jason's Deli  
Jan 12 Mia's Table  
Jan 19 Buffalo Grille  
Jan 26 Antonio's Mexican Grill

### Monday Lunch (Taildraggers lunch):

Mondays at 11 am; Aviator's Grill  
at Hooks Airport Terminal

## The latest information on in-person meetings.

- 1. Klein Fire Department Facilities have been reopened. The December meeting will be in-person and ZOOM.**
- 2. The next NARS VE test session will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Klein Volunteer Fire Department Station 3.**
- 3. Lunch Break Medical Center resumed on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Check the reflector for the latest status. The group has a new rotation and new time is 13:00.**
- 4. Lunch Break North resumed October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Check the reflector for the latest status.**
- 5. Monday Taildraggers lunch has resumed September 13<sup>th</sup>. Mondays at 11 am, Aviator's Grill at Hooks Airport Terminal.**

*Next Gathering: Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>*

The next gathering is the annual "Show and Tell" meeting.

- December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30PM.
- ZOOM and in-person.
- ZOOM login: 2815436502 PC: 123456.

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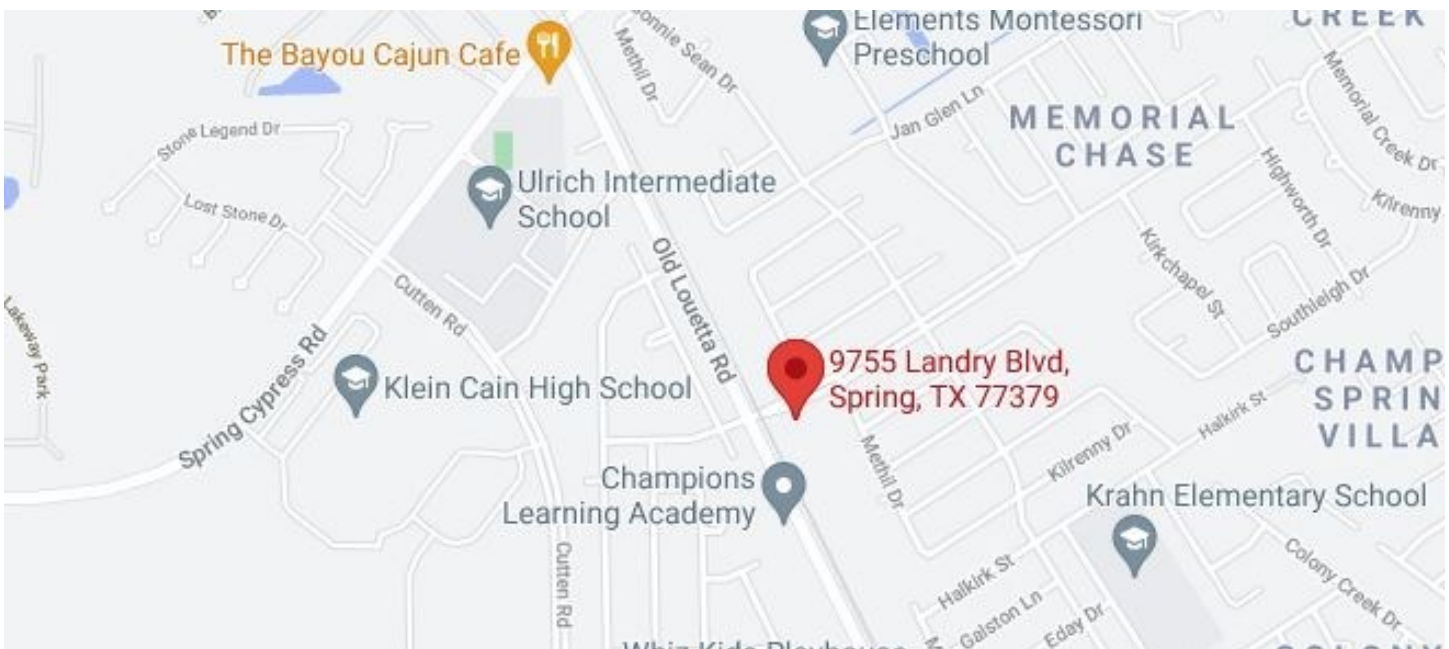
## Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

We will meet at Klein Fire Department Training Facility behind Station 3 at 9755 Landry Blvd., Houston TX, 77070.



The Board wishes to thank the Klein Fire Department for the generous offer allowing NARS use of their facility.

## LOCATION MAP — 9755 Landry Blvd., Houston, TX 77070



## Opportunities to Serve

## DECEMBER GATHERING

Our December gathering will be held in-person and on ZOOM on Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

ZOOM

login: 2815436502

PC: 123456

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## NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

## DMR Training

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the Video of each Session please bring a USB stick (estimate 3GB per session) and we can make a copy available to you to download on your USB stick with a NARS donation of \$6.00 per session. You can sign up at the meeting. Many have requested this as a helpful tool to refer back to when programming radio's and other general information related to DMR. This video is NOT planned for wide public publication so take advantage of this opportunity.

Bob Heil, K9EID, presented on phasing.

## VE Session Congratulations

Congratulations to:

Kurt Nauck III—New Technician

Edward Knight—K15SBC—Upgrade to General

**Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> (Klein VFD Station #3)**

We had 2 candidates taking 4 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 1; passed 1; Failed 0

Element 3 tests given: 2; passed 1; Failed 0

Element 4 tests given: 1; passed 0; Failed 0

New or Upgrade Licenses: Technician 1 General 1 Extra 0

Thanks to the Exam VE's in attendance: Stephen G Protz KA5AUD; Robert Ewers K9HOU.

And to Sheree Horton WM5N, NARS ARRL VE Liaison.

### Special points of interest:

- The date for the next VE session is set for Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Klein Volunteer Fire Department Station 3.
- Gates will open at 8:30 A.M.
- Testing will be from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.
- The gates will be closed and locked at 12:30 P.M.

### VE session guidelines

- If you have a temperature or feel ill – DO NOT attend.
- Tables and chairs will be arranged to meet social distancing. DO NOT MOVE THEM.
- Wear masks if you are not fully vaccinated or feel the need to wear them.

Please send an email to either of the following if you plan on attending the test session:

Sheree Horton [wm5n@arrl.net](mailto:wm5n@arrl.net) or [vec@w5nc.net](mailto:vec@w5nc.net).



**Houston Transtar Building**  
**Conference Center West Entrance**  
**6922 Katy Road**  
**Houston, TX 77024**

*V.E. Exams every 4th Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.*

*Contact: Mark Landress, [WB5ANN@arrl.net](mailto:WB5ANN@arrl.net) for further info.*

# Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

## Welcome new members

June 2021, new member(s):

John Green—KI5QMY  
Carl B Bradley—KI5QNC  
Louis House—W3RZ

July 2021, new member(s):

Mark Putnam—KI5QZA  
George Cryar Jr—KI5QYZ

August 2021, new member(s):

David Ruth—WA5DAV  
Melissa Ruth—WA5MEL  
Chris Simonton—W5TXS  
Jim Berry—KD5BN

September 2021, new member(s):

Bob Judd—WN5G  
Nell Judd—N5KTA

October 2021, new member(s):

Thomas Bladecki—KI5RWX  
Thomas G Glass—KI5SCT  
Dale E Schmirler—KI5SCP  
Elizabeth A Kaspar—KI5SCM  
Scott A Johnson—KI5SCQ

November 2021, new member(s):

Robert White—K0RCW

## NARS Info

**NARS now has a new address!**

**Please update your address list!**

Northwest Amateur Radio Society  
P.O. Box 11483 Spring, TX 77391

**NARS WEBSITE: W5NC.NET**

**E-Mail Reflector: mailman.qth.net.**

I am very happy to announce that we now have a fully executed agreement with building management for our new VHF repeater location downtown.

Thank you to everyone for all the hard work that went into getting this accomplished.

More to come later!

Ron Matusek  
WA6TQH  
Northwest Amateur Radio Society  
President

### **Board Meetings**

The board meetings will be at 6:00 on the same date and at the same location as the general membership meeting, except for January due to the NARS award banquet.

### **General Membership Meetings**

3rd. Friday each month at 7:30 pm. — EXCEPT January Banquet  
Located at Klein Fire Department Training Facility behind Station 3, 9755 Landry Blvd., Houston, TX 77070.

### **NARS name tag**

Any member can request a badge and should contact Sheree Horton, WM5N.

### **Weekly 2m Net**

Wednesdays at 8 pm.  
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater.  
Coordinator: Neal Naumann N5EN.

### **Weekly DMR Net**

Tuesdays at 7 pm.  
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater.  
Coordinator: Sam Labarbera, N6HB  
slabarb@outlook.com

# NARS Resource List

## Digital Modes (Including DMR)

Walter Holmes – K5WH  
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 Ron Matusek – WA6TQH

## NARS Officers & Other Contacts

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## NARS has a social media presence

NARS has a social media presence! Thanks to Sam Labarbera, N6HB, we have a Facebook page for those who would like to follow us there. Visit the [W5NC Facebook](#) page and join! It is open to ham radio operators, so there is a short quiz to qualify new members.

We also have a Twitter feed. Follow us on [https://twitter.com/nars\\_w5nc](https://twitter.com/nars_w5nc).

### Locations for Wednesday NARS Lunch Break - North and Medical Center

#### Wednesday Lunch Break North locations

Gianna's Italian  
28301 State Highway 249  
Suite 100  
Tomball, TX 77375

Mia Rancho  
6096 FM 2920 Rd  
Spring TX 77379

Panera Bread  
1448 Louetta Road  
Spring, TX 77388

Jason's Deli at Champions  
5403 Farm to Market 1960 W  
Houston, Texas 77069

Adriatic Cafe - Tomball  
19004 Windsor Pointe Dr.  
Tomball, TX 77375

BJ's at Willowbrook  
7637 FM 1960 West  
Houston, TX 77070

Spring Creek BBQ on 2920 in Klein  
6068 Farm to Market 2920  
Spring, TX 77379

Cheddar's  
21001 IH-45  
Spring, TX 77388

#### Medical Center area Wednesday lunch

Vieng Thai Restaurant  
6929 Long Point Dr.  
Houston, TX 77055

Southwell's Hamburger Grill  
2252 W Holcombe Blvd  
Houston, TX 77030

Niko Niko's Greek & American Café (BW-8 & I-10 West)  
1040 W Sam Houston Parkway North  
Houston, TX 77043

Silver Palace Chinese Buffet  
4005-H Bellaire Blvd. @ Stella Link  
Houston, TX 77025

Pappas Barbecue

Antonio's Mexican Grille  
3147 W Holcombe Blvd  
Houston, TX 77025

Jason's Deli

Buffalo Grille  
4080 Bissonnet St  
Houston, TX 77005



# President's Corner

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank ALL members of the NARS Club Family for your contributions and steadfast participation in all club activities in 2021. We have accomplished a lot this year regardless of the health issues plaguing the area. Here are a couple that stand out. A Major accomplishment with after more than a full year of demanding work our repeater team has secured an agreement to install a new VHF repeater downtown. The commitment that went into making this happen is unprecedented. A lot more will be presented on this at our Awards banquet in January. You can expect that this new location will ensure NARS voice is heard through the Houston area. We expect it to be fully functional the first of the year. Another Major accomplishment was our Field Day! This was an enormous success this year with NARS finishing 7<sup>th</sup> nationally and 1<sup>st</sup> place STX in the 3F category! Congratulations to all who participated!

We have a lot to be thankful for and this next year will be more exciting as our club membership growth continues to increase and more members are coming to the table offering their expertise to help set the direction of our club. With the new by-laws taking effect in January, we have ensured that all voting board members are committed to helping us improve our service commitments to the membership and the community.

## **Christmas thoughts:**

*"What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal and that every path may lead to peace."*

*~ Agnes M. Pharo*

*"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone." ~ Charles M. Schulz*

As we give a little of ourselves throughout the Christmas season, we embrace the true joy that the holidays bring.

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May your eggnog be spiked with plenty of rum to get you through this holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I appreciate your commitment to the NARS Club and support throughout this past year. I am hoping you get the opportunity to relax and spend time with your loved ones during the holidays.

Merry Christmas!

Ron Matusek  
President NARS

# Hamfest Calendar

## HAMFEST/CONVENTION

01/14/2022—01/15/2022

Cowtown Hamfest, ARRL North Texas Section Convention

Location: Forest Hill, TX

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Cowtown ARC And Surrounding Clubs

Website: <http://cowtownhamfest.com>

## Greater Houston HamFest

March 4 & 5, 2022

BVARC

Location: Fort Bend County Fairgrounds

4310 Texas 36

Rosenberg TX 77471

Sponsor: BVARC

Website: <http://houstonhamfest.org/>

## HAMFEST/CONVENTION

04/23/2022—Emory Hamfest

Location: Emory, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Rains Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://w5ent.org>

## HAMFEST/CONVENTION

06/17/2022—06/18/2022

Radio Fiesta

Location: Schertz, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: San Antonio Radio Club

Website: <https://w5sc.org/>

# Of Interest

## Houston Local Traffic Net

The net meets each Monday from 6:30-7:30pm on 146.940 / 167.9 and each Thursday from 6:30-7:00pm on 147.000 / 103.5. The purpose of the net is to pass National Traffic System (NTS) radiogram messages into and out of the Houston area. The Monday night net includes an instructional segment as well as handling radiogram traffic.